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INSCRIPTION IN THE LIST OF SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

1. In 1989, the General Conference adopted a procedure for determining the order of speakers in the general debate as follows[1]:

(a) At a previously announced date and time, the Secretary of the Policy-making Organs shall be available for a period of one hour to receive applications from Member States wishing to speak early during the general debate. All those who apply during this period shall be eligible for inclusion in a ballot, which shall be held shortly after the closure of the application period. The ballot shall be organized by representatives of the Secretariat and held in the presence of any representatives of Member States who indicate a wish to attend. The ballot shall determine an order of priority among all the participating Member States.

(b) The names of any Member States applying for inclusion in the speakers' list after the end of the period designated for application for inclusion in the ballot shall be added to the list in the order in which they apply.

(c) By mutual agreement, Member States shall be permitted to exchange places on the speakers' list.

(d) The practice of giving special priority to Ministers shall continue, the Secretariat being guided entirely by information provided by Member States.

2. It is expected that, during the general debate, statements will be made to mark the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Agency's Statute.

3. Accordingly, the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs will be available in Room A-2873 at the Vienna International Centre from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, 16 June 1997, to receive applications from Member States' representatives for inclusion in the list of speakers in the general debate at the forthcoming regular session of the General Conference. A ballot to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives have applied will be held at 11 a.m. on that day.

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[1] See GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77 and GC(XXXIII)/OR.320, paras 12-15.

4. The general debate usually extends over about four days of the Conference's sessions. With a view of making the best use of time available during the forthcoming session, which is expected to last five days only, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN organizations.